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CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

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- 1-8 (canceled)
- 9. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 6 wherein said nucleating agent comprises sodium benzoate and derivatives thereof.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 6 wherein said nucleating agent comprises 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylate salts and derivatives thereof.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 6 wherein said nucleating agent comprises aluminum 4-*tert*-butylbenzonate and derivatives thereof.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 6 wherein said nucleating agent comprises metal salt(s) of cyclic phosphoric esters and derivatives thereof.
 - 13-14 (canceled)
- 15. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 6 wherein said nucleating agent comprises disodium bicyclo[2.2.1]heptanedicarboxylate or derivatives thereof.
 - 16-22 (canceled)
 - 23. (Withdrawn) A preform article formed by employing the process of claim 1.

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- 24. (Withdrawn) A container formed by employing the process of claim 2.
- 25-27 (canceled)
- 28. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 26, wherein said chemical composition further comprises a nucleating agent.
- 29. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 28 wherein said nucleating agent is selected from the group of agents consisting of: dibenzylidene sorbitol-containing compounds, sodium benzoate, cyclohexanedicarboxylate salts, aluminum 4-*tert*-butylbenzoate, metal salts of phosphoric esters, and derivatives thereof.
 - 30. (canceled).
- 31. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 28 wherein said nucleating agent comprises disodium bicyclo[2.2.1]heptanedicarboxylate or derivatives thereof.
 - 32-37 (canceled).
 - 38. (Withdrawn) The preform article formed by the process of claim 26.
 - 39 (canceled)

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- 40. (Withdrawn) The container formed by employing the process of claim 39. 41-42 (canceled). (Withdrawn) A preform article formed using the process of claim 41. 43. 44. (Withdrawn) A container formed using the process of claim 42. 45-46 (canceled). 47. (Withdrawn) A preform article formed using the process of claim 45. 48. (Withdrawn) A container formed using the process of claim 46. 49. (canceled) 50. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 49 wherein further comprising the steps (e) reheating said preform article; and
- 51. (Withdrawn) A preform article formed using the process of claim 49.

(f) stretch blow molding said preform article to form a container.

52. (Withdrawn) A container formed using the process of claim 50.

53. (Withdrawn) A process comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a chemical composition comprising polypropylene, said chemical composition having an MFI in the range of between about 13 and about 35 grams/10 minutes, according to ASTM D 1238, said chemical composition further comprising a nucleating agent, said nucleating agent comprising at least in part 1,3-O-2,4-bis(3,4-

(b) injecting said chemical composition into a mold at a fill rate of between about

5 and about 22 grams of chemical composition per second;

dimethylbenzylidene) sorbitol (DMDBS) or derivatives thereof;

(c) forming said chemical composition into a preform article, said preform article

having a side wall thickness of between about 2 mm and about 4 mm; and

(d) removing said preform article from said mold.

54. (Withdrawn) A preform article formed according to the process of claim 53.

55. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 53 wherein further comprising the steps

of:

(e) reheating said preform article; and

(f) stretch blow molding said preform article to form a container.

56. (New) In a two stage process of injection stretch blow molding polypropylene, the steps of:

- (a) providing a chemical composition comprising polypropylene, said chemical composition having a melt flow index in the range of between about 6 and about 50 grams/10 minutes according to ASTM D 1238;
- (b) injecting said chemical composition into a mold at a fill rate of greater than about 5 grams of chemical composition per second;
- (c) forming said chemical composition into a preform article, said preform article having a closed end connected to a side wall, said perform side wall having a thickness in the range of about 2 4 mm;
 - (d) removing said preform article from said mold;
 - (e) subsequently reheating said preform article; and
- (f) stretch blow molding said reheated preform article to form a container, wherein said container has at least one side wall having a side wall thickness, wherein the percent haze to thickness ratio of said container side wall is less than about 0.4 percent haze/ mil.
- 57. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said injection step (b) provides said chemical composition into said mold at a fill rate in the range of about 5 22 grams/second.

58. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said chemical composition comprises an ethylene/propylene copolymer.

- 59. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said chemical composition further comprises a nucleating agent.
- 60. (New) The process of claim 59 wherein said nucleating agent comprises dibenzylidene sorbitol compound (DBS) or a derivative thereof.
- 61. (New) The process of claim 59 wherein said nucleating agent comprises sodium 1,3-0-2, 4-bis(4-methylbenzylidene) sorbitol and derivatives thereof.
- 62. (New) The process of claim 60 wherein said nucleating agent comprises bis(3,4-dialkylbenzylidene) sorbitol acetal.
- 63. (New) The process of claim 60 wherein said nucleating agent comprises 1,3-O-2,4-bis(3,4-dimethylbenzylidene) sorbitol.
- 64. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said haze/thickness ratio of said container is less than about 0.3 percent haze/ mil.
- · 65. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said haze/thickness ratio of said container is less than about 0.2 percent haze/ mil.

66. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said percent haze of said side wall of said container is less than about 6%.

- 67. (New) The process of claim 66 wherein said container is about 10-20 mils in side wall thickness.
- 68. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said stretch blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of greater than about 900 containers per hour per mold.
- 69. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said stretch blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of at least about 1200 containers per hour per mold.
- 70. (New) The process of claim 56 wherein said blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of at least about 1500 containers per hour per mold.
 - 71. (New) A container formed by the process of claim 56.

72. (New) In a two stage process of injection stretch blow molding polypropylene, the steps of:

- (a) providing a chemical composition comprising polypropylene, said chemical composition having a melt flow index in the range of about 13 35 grams/10 minutes according to ASTM D 1238;
- (b) injecting said chemical composition into a mold at a fill rate in the range of about 5-22 grams of chemical composition per second;
- (c) forming said chemical composition into a preform article, said preform article having a closed end connected to a side wall, said perform side wall having a thickness in the range of about 2 4 mm;
 - (d) removing said preform article from said mold;
 - (e) subsequently reheating said preform article; and
- (f) stretch blow molding said reheated preform article to form a container, wherein said container has at least one side wall having a side wall thickness, wherein the percent haze to thickness ratio of said container side wall is less than about 0.4 percent haze/ mil.
- 73. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said chemical composition further comprises a nucleating agent.
- 74. (New) The process of claim 73 wherein said nucleating agent comprises dibenzylidene sorbitol compound (DBS) or a derivative thereof.

75. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said nucleating agent comprises sodium 1,3-0-2, 4-bis(4-methylbenzylidene) sorbitol and derivatives thereof.

- 76. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said nucleating agent comprises bis(3,4-dialkylbenzylidene) sorbitol acetal.
- 77. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said nucleating agent comprises 1,3-O-2,4-bis(3,4-dimethylbenzylidene) sorbitol.
- 78. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said haze/thickness ratio of said container is less than about 0.3 percent haze/ mil.
- 79. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said haze/thickness ratio of said container is less than about 0.2 percent haze/ mil.
- 80. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said percent haze of said side wall of said container is less than about 6%.
- 81. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said container is about 10-20 mils in side wall thickness.

82. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said stretch blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of greater than about 900 containers per hour per mold.

- 83. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said stretch blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of at least about 1200 containers per hour per mold.
- 84. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of at least about 1500 containers per hour per mold.
 - 85. (New) A container formed by the process of claim 72.
- 86. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said preform side wall thickness of step (c) is about 2 mm.
- 87. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said preform side wall thickness of step (c) is about 3 mm.
- 88. (New) The process of claim 72 wherein said preform side wall thickness of step (c) is about 4 mm.

89. (New) A process comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a chemical composition comprising polypropylene, said chemical composition having an MFI in the range of between about 13 and about 35 grams/10 minutes according to ASTM D 1238, said chemical composition further comprising a nucleating agent, said nucleating agent comprising at least in part a dimethyl dibenzylidene sorbitol compound;

- (b) injecting said chemical composition into a moldat a fill rate of between about 5 and about 22 grams of chemical composition per second;
- (c) forming said chemical composition into a preform article, said preform article having a wall thickness of between about 2 mm and about 4 mm; and
 - (d) removing said preform article from said mold; and
 - (e) subsequently reheating said preform article; and
 - (f) stretch blow molding said reheated preform article to form a container.
- 90. (New) The process of claim 89 wherein said wherein said container has at least one side wall having a side wall thickness, wherein the percent haze to thickness ratio of said container side wall is less than about 0.4 percent haze/ mil.
- 91. (New) The process of claim 90 wherein said haze/thickness ratio of said container is less than about 0.3 percent haze/ mil.

92. (New) The process of claim 90 wherein said haze/thickness ratio of said container is less than about 0.2 percent haze/ mil.

- 93. (New) The process of claim 90 wherein said percent haze of said side wall of said container is less than about 6%.
- 94. (New) The process of claim 90 wherein said container is about 10-20 mils in side wall thickness.
- 95. (New) The process of claim 89 wherein said stretch blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of greater than about 900 containers per hour per mold.
- 96. (New) The process of claim 89 wherein said stretch blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of at least about 1200 containers per hour per mold.
- 97. (New) The process of claim 89 wherein said blow molding step (f) is repeated successively in a manufacturing operation at a rate of container production of at least about 1500 containers per hour per mold.
 - 98. (New) A container formed by the process of claim 89.